



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

## COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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**Voting Members:**

Trevor Ozawa, Chair  
Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Carol Fukunaga  
Joey Manahan  
Kymberly Marcos Pine

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## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Trevor Ozawa at 9:26 a.m. Voting Members Fukunaga, Kobayashi, Manahan, and Pine were present at the meeting. Nonvoting member, Council Chair Martin (temporary voting member for quorum), also attended the meeting.

### STAFF PRESENT

Kendall Amazaki, Jr., Chief of Staff to Committee Chair Ozawa  
Catherine Pligavko, Analyst, Office of Council Services  
Alden Lum, Attorney, Office of Council Services  
Reid Yamashiro, Deputy, Department of the Corporation Counsel, assigned to the Committee  
Pearlene Otto, Council Committee Aide, Office of the City Clerk

Prior to the commencement of the Order of Business, Committee Chair Ozawa announced that Agenda Item No. 7 – Resolution 18-69, relating to the transfer of funds – had been cancelled.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 24, 2018, February 14, 2018, and March 27, 2018 meetings of the Committee on Budget were approved as circulated.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, PINE, OZAWA – 4.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: MANAHAN – 1.

At this juncture, Committee Chair Ozawa requested that a discussion on damages sustained in East Oahu be placed on the agenda. Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 97-7, Committee Member Fukunaga motioned, and it was seconded by Committee Member Kobayashi to add the item to the agenda for discussion. With no objections from the four members present (Fukunaga, Kobayashi, Pine, Ozawa), “Overview on Damages Sustained in East Oahu” was placed on the agenda for discussion.

### **SUNSHINE ITEM**

#### **FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **OVERVIEW ON DAMAGES SUSTAINED IN EAST OAHU.**

##### **Administration/Others**

Lori Kahikina, Director, Department of Environmental Services (ENV)

Timothy Houghton, Deputy Director, ENV

Ross Sasamura, Director and Chief Engineer, Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM)

Committee Chair Ozawa provided commentary on the events that took place during the evening of Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in his district and thanked Deputy Director Houghton for his efforts as well.

The following individuals provided comments:

1. Kathleen Takemoto

In response to Ms. Takemoto, Director Sasamura recommended that the homeowner engage with their pool service company first for water removal.

2. Meymo Rego

In response to Ms. Rego, Director Sasamura stated that instructions on pool water discharges and the permit process can be viewed at [www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com](http://www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com). The permit should be completed online. To remove muddy pool water, the sediment should be separated from the water by allowing it to settle in the pool first. Additional instructions can be viewed online at the same site.

Director Kahikina stated that roll off containers were delivered to Papai Street and will be emptied out on a daily basis. In addition, tipping fees will be waived for residents who contact the ENV in advance. Regular bulky item pick-ups in the area are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays, however, there will be a pick up on Thursday, April 19, 2018 and ongoing as needed. Deputy Director Houghton noted that hazardous materials such as pool acid or chlorine should not be placed together with the bulky items because they are handled separately and large appliances should be emptied out, otherwise they will not be picked up.

Deputy Director Houghton noted that the Road Division of the Department of Facility Maintenance will pick up the bags of mud when notified of the location. The Deputy Director stated that a homeowner will receive a sewer fee credit for the amount of water that is used to refill a pool.

Director Sasamura stated that Wailupe Stream and other streams in East Honolulu are maintained on an "as resources are available" basis. Maintenance on a stream depends on whether the stream is natural-bottomed or a concrete-lined drainage channel and the type of work that can be performed without a permit. The Director pointed out that they do not have an active permit from the Army Corp of Engineers to perform work in areas that require permitting.

At this juncture, Committee Chair Ozawa returned to the order of the agenda.

FOR ACTION

1. RESOLUTION 18-45 – COMMITTEE REPORT 142

APPROVING THE CITY'S 24TH YEAR ACTION PLAN. Approving the City and County of Honolulu's Twenty-Fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) Year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, Housing Trust Fund, Emergency Solutions Grants and Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids Program Funds, and authorizing its submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The following amendment was circulated at the meeting:

PROPOSED CD1 TO RESOLUTION 18-45 (Submitted by Councilmember Ozawa)  
– The CD1 (OCS2018-0345/4/4/2018 4:17 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In the 5th WHEREAS clause, changes “Exhibit A” to Exhibit 1”.
- B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Administration/Others

Nelson Koyanagi, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS)  
Manuel Valbuena, Deputy Director, BFS

There was no public testimony.

Deputy Director Valbuena provided an overview of the Resolution, stating that the Administration recommends approval of the measure, which must be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 15, 2018.

The BFS representatives provided the following information in response to the Committee members:

- The names of the projects to be funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are listed on pages 43 and 44 of the Action Plan.
- The Kuwili Street project was an administrative agreement between HUD and the City. The plan is to reprogram the funds associated with the project so it can proceed unencumbered.

The Committee Chair indicated that a project for the Housing Trust Fund Program Funds was not included in the Fiscal Year 2019 Executive Capital Budget and Program, Bill 16 (2018), and that the Bill should be amended to include the project. The Director stated that he would look into the matter.

Resolution 18-45 amended to CD1 (OCS2018-0345/4/4/2018 4:17 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE, OZAWA – 5.  
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-21 Mayor Kirk Caldwell, submitting draft resolution.

2. RESOLUTION 18-49 – COMMITTEE REPORT 143

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM ASAGI HATCHERY, INC. (DES). Accepting a gift to the City from Asagi Hatchery, Inc. of cull for animal consumption at the Honolulu Zoo.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

PROPOSED CD1 TO RESOLUTION 18-49 (Submitted by Councilmember Ozawa)  
– The CD1 (OCS2018-0371/4/12/2018 2:37 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Replaces the Declaration of Gift, attached as Exhibit A, with a revised Declaration of Gift, transmitted through Departmental Communication No. 195 (2018), which specifies that the gift to the City from Asagi Hatchery, Inc. is being given/conveyed to the City rather than the Honolulu Zoological Society, without condition or reservation, and makes conforming amendments throughout the resolution to reference the new Declaration of Gift.
- B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Administration/Others

Tracy Kubota, Deputy Director, Department of Enterprise Services

There was no public testimony.

The Deputy Director testified in support of the Resolution, indicating that the gift is given by the donor on a regular basis.

The Committee Chair remains hopeful that Zoo sponsorship rules take effect soon so the donor could be recognized.

Resolution 18-49 amended to CD1 (OCS2018-0371/4/12/2018 2:37 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, PINE, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: MANAHAN – 1.

Related communications:

D-104 Department of Enterprise Services, transmitting draft resolution.  
D-195 Department of Enterprise Services, submitting amended Declaration of Gift Form.

3. RESOLUTION 18-57 – COMMITTEE REPORT 144

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM ALGA (OCA). Accepting a gift to the City from the City of Jacksonville Office of the Council Auditor for the costs of one peer review team member to conduct a peer review from April 13 to April 21, 2018 in Jacksonville, Florida.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

PROPOSED CD1 TO RESOLUTION 18-57 (Submitted by Council Chair Martin on behalf of the City Auditor) – The CD1 (OCS2018-0351/4/10/2018 3:49 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Revises the 1st, 2nd and 3rd WHEREAS clauses to read as follows to comport with current drafting conventions:

“WHEREAS, Section 13-113 of the Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973 (2017 Edition), provides the City Council with authority to accept gifts to the City and County of Honolulu (“City”); and WHEREAS, Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, establishes a policy of the Council for the solicitation and acceptance of gifts donated to the City; and WHEREAS, the policy provides for the acceptance of the gift by affirmative action by the Council; and”

- B. In the 2nd BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause, changes “CITY OF PORTLAND” to “City of Jacksonville, Florida Office of the Council Auditor”.
- C. Replaces the Declaration of Gift, attached as Exhibit A, with a revised Declaration of Gift, transmitted through Council Communication No. 120, which specifies that the donor of the gift is the City of Jacksonville Office of

the Council Auditor, and makes conforming amendments throughout the resolution to reference the revised Declaration of Gift.

- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Administration/Others

Edwin Young, City Auditor, Office of the City Auditor

There was no public testimony.

City Auditor Young apologized for the amendments and stated that the Office of the City Auditor has established a national reputation for doing quality peer reviews. The City Auditor indicated that Mr. Van Lee, a member of the National Board of Directors of the Association of Local Government Auditors, will be the one traveling to Jacksonville, Florida to conduct the peer review.

Resolution 18-57 amended to CD1 (OCS2018-0351/4/10/2018 3:49 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, PINE, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: MANAHAN – 1.

Related communications:

CC-68 Office of the City Auditor, transmitting draft resolution.  
CC-120 Office of the City Auditor, submitting an amended Declaration of Gift form (Exhibit A).

4. RESOLUTION 18-58 – COMMITTEE REPORT 145

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM ALGA (OCA). Accepting a gift to the City from the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) for the costs of one auditor from the Office of the City Auditor to attend the ALGA Board meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado on May 5, 2018.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

PROPOSED CD1 TO RESOLUTION 18-58 (Submitted by Chair Martin on behalf of the City Auditor) – The CD1 (OCS2018-0290/3/20/2018 3:25 PM) makes the following amendments:

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- A. Amends the fifth WHEREAS clause to change the amount of the gift from up to \$300 to up to \$600.
- B. Attaches a revised Declaration of Gift which changes the amount of the gift to up to \$600.
- C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Administration/Others

Edwin Young, City Auditor, Office of the City Auditor

There was no public testimony.

City Auditor Young testified that Mr. Van Lee, a member of the National Board of Directors of ALGA, will be the one attending the annual Board of Directors meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Resolution 18-58 amended to CD1 (OCS2018-0290/3/20/2018 3:25 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, PINE, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: MANAHAN – 1.

Related communication:

CC-69 Office of the City Auditor, transmitting draft resolution.

5. RESOLUTION 18-81 – COMMITTEE REPORT 147

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM AGA (OCA). Accepting gifts to the City valued up to \$5,800 from the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and the AGA Hawaii Chapter for conference registration fees, airfare, and lodging for two employees from the Office of the City Auditor to attend AGA's annual Professional Development Training in Orlando, Florida from July 20 to 26, 2018.

Administration/Others

Edwin Young, City Auditor, Office of the City Auditor

There was no public testimony.



City Auditor Young testified that the local chapter and the national organization of the AGA has generously offered to pay for two auditors, the President-Elect of the local chapter and the Regional Vice President, to attend their annual training in Orlando, Florida.

Resolution 18-81 reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, PINE, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: MANAHAN – 1.

Related communication:

CC-116 Office of the City Auditor, transmitting draft resolution.

6. RESOLUTION 18-66 – COMMITTEE REPORT 146

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (BFS). Relating to the transfer of a total of \$12,511,306 between characters of expenditure for the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services to meet the increased costs of approved collective bargaining agreements in Fiscal Year 2018.

Administration/Others

Nelson Koyanagi, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

There was no public testimony.

Director Koyanagi testified that the funds for collective bargaining were budgeted for in Fiscal Year 2018 and placed in provisional accounts. The measure allows the funds to be transferred from the provisional accounts to the respective departments.

In response to the Committee Chair regarding why there were no transfers to the Department of Land Management (DLM), the Director stated that DLM does not have staff affected by collective bargaining.

Committee Member Pine requested that the Director provide a list of the number of Department of Parks and Recreation staff assigned to each district to the Committee.

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Resolution 18-66 reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, PINE, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: MANAHAN – 1.

Related communication:

D-135 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, transmitting draft resolution.

7. RESOLUTION 18-69

This item was cancelled.

8. BILL 109 (2017), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 135

AMENDING MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FEES. Amending Chapter 10, Article 4, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, 1990, as amended relating to fees for use of municipal golf courses.

Administration/Others

Guy Kaulukukui, Director, Department of Enterprise Services

There was no public testimony.

Director Kaulukukui testified in support of the measure, stating that the golf cart fees will increase from \$20.00 to \$26.00 over the next three years for all municipal golf courses except Kahuku Golf Course, which is a walking only course.

The Committee Chair requested information on the lease of the golf carts be provided to the Committee.

The Committee Chair noted that under the current fee structure, a person without a golf identification card would pay less for two rounds of 9-hole golf than one round of 18-hole golf. The measure eliminates the discrepancy by setting the 18-hole golf fee to twice the 9-hole fee.

Bill 109 (2017), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, PINE, OZAWA – 4.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: MANAHAN – 1.

9. BILL 78 (2017) – COMMITTEE REPORT 134

RAIL TRANSPORTATION FUND. Creating a fund to address the operations and maintenance of the locally preferred alternative for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, also known as the Honolulu Rail Project, and making conforming amendments to the transit fund.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 78 (2017) (Submitted by Councilmember Ozawa) – The CD1 (OCS2018-0366/4/11/2018 3:26 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Adds definition of “rail project.”
- B. Adds definition of “operations of the rail project” to clarify that the term includes operations and maintenance of the rail project as well as the administrative, operating, marketing and maintenance costs, including personnel costs, of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.
- C. Deletes express reference to “real property tax revenues” as a source of funds to be deposited into the rail transportation fund.
- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Administration/Others

Nelson Koyanagi, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

There was no public testimony.

Director Koyanagi testified that the Administration has concerns with the measure and recommended that the Bill be deferred and taken up as it gets closer to the operation of the rail. The Director pointed out that there are two transit funds, one that was set by ordinance before the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) existed and the other one that was set by Charter after HART was established. The transit fund as specified in Bill 78 (2017) refers to the fund that

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was set by ordinance and is not the transit fund that HART is currently using. HART is using the fund set by Charter.

Committee Member Kobayashi, introducer of the measure, explained that the measure was introduced to bring more clarity to the financial handling of the rail operations and maintenance.

In response to queries by the Committee members, Director Koyanagi provided the following information:

- The Administration recommends that only one fund be established which would encompass all the modes of transportation.
- There is no source of revenue for the transit fund as specified in Bill 78 (2017).
- Farebox revenues and any other revenues earned by TheBus are deposited into a special fund set up for TheBus.

Committee Member Manahan stated that he would be voting with reservations on the motion to report out for second reading, noting that he understands the intent of the measure but is unclear as to where the revenues would come from.

Bill 78 (2017) amended to CD1.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: PINE – 1.

Bill 78 (2017), CD1 reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN\*, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: PINE – 1.

\*Councilmember Manahan voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

D-215 Nelson H. Koyanagi, Jr., Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (comments)

10. BILL 1 (2018) – COMMITTEE REPORT 136

REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR LOW-INCOME RENTAL HOUSING.  
Providing real property tax relief for certain properties that are used as low-income rental housing.

Administration/Others

Nelson Koyanagi, Director, Department of Budget & Fiscal Services (BFS)  
Steven Takara, Real Property Tax Administrator, Real Property Assessment  
Division, BFS

There was no public testimony.

Director Koyanagi testified that the Administration does not oppose the bill. The Director pointed out that the measure amends the rental amount a property owner may lease his or her property from 50% area median income (AMI) to 80% AMI, in alignment with the rest of the City's affordable housing policies of 80% AMI or below. However, the measure does not require the lessee to be in the low-to moderate income category.

The Committee Chair noted that the measure is based on the recommendations of the Real Property Tax Advisory Commission.

Bill 1 (2018) reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: PINE – 1.

11. BILL 6 (2018) – COMMITTEE REPORT 137

PUBLIC NUISANCES. Regulating nuisances on public sidewalks.

There was no representation from the Administration.

Committee Chair Ozawa, introducer of the measure, provided an overview of the Bill.

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The following individuals testified:

1. Rick Egged, Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) (support)

The Committee Chair thanked the WIA for their support in assisting to decrease the nuisances in Waikiki and noted that the bench in front of 2284 Kalakaua Avenue was successfully removed.

2. Helene "Sam" Shenkus, Royal Hawaiian Center (support)
3. Robert Finley, Waikiki Neighborhood Board (support)

The Committee Chair thanked the neighborhood board for their support.

4. Dave Moskowitz (support)

The Committee Chair noted that the property owner hired a private company to remove the bench and paid for the removal on their own.

5. John Gottlieb (support)

Bill 6 (2018) reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, OZAWA – 3.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA, PINE – 2.

Related communications:

M-213 Early testimony for Bill 6 (2018)

M-214 Additional testimony for Bill 6 (2018)

12. BILL 9 (2018) – COMMITTEE REPORT 138

TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION FUND. Establishing additional requirements for the Transit Construction Mitigation Fund.

Administration/Others

Nelson Koyanagi, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

There was no public testimony.

Director Koyanagi stated that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) should be responsible for the mitigation, indicating that there are funds in HART's Fiscal Year 2019 budget for this type of project. The Director pointed out that should the measure pass, he would need to increase his staff because the project would be very time-consuming.

Committee Member Manahan stated that the Bill basically establishes the procedures and processes for a transit mitigation fund and does not appropriate the monies. The Committee Member also noted that the Bill is still a work in progress.

Committee Chair Ozawa recommended moving the Bill forward for more discussion with HART.

Bill 9 (2018) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, OZAWA – 3.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA, PINE – 2.

13. BILL 11 (2018) – COMMITTEE REPORT 139

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Changing the assessment method for certain high valued properties.

Administration/Others

Nelson Koyanagi, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS)  
Steven Takara, Real Property Tax Administrator, Real Property Assessment  
Division, BFS  
Keith Yamashita, Real Property Appraisal Officer, Real Property Assessment  
Division, BFS

There was no public testimony.

Director Koyanagi stated the Department's serious concerns with the measure, as detailed in his written testimony (D-216). The Director suggested deferring the Bill for further research and discussion with the introducer of the measure.

Committee Member Kobayashi explained her reasons for introducing the measure.

Representatives of the Real Property Assessment Division provided their opinions and explanations on the measure.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Due to the loss of quorum, Committee Chair Ozawa recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

At this juncture, Committee Chair Ozawa appointed Council Chair Martin a temporary voting member to fulfill quorum.

With Committee Members Ozawa, Kobayashi, and Martin present, the meeting was reconvened at 12:05 p.m. and the discussions continued.

Committee Chair Ozawa requested that the Real Property Tax Assessment Division provide a more thorough understanding of the current assessment system at the next hearing on the measure. The Committee Chair also requested that the Division work more closely with the introducer of the measure.

Bill 11 (2018) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, FUKUNAGA, OZAWA – 4.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: PINE – 1.

Related communication:

D-216 Nelson H. Koyanagi, Jr., Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (comments)

14. BILL 12 (2018) – COMMITTEE REPORT 140

DAMAGE TO PUBLIC PROPERTY. Amending Chapter 41, Article 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, relating to damage to public property.

Administration/Others

Manuel Valbuena, Deputy Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

There was no public testimony.



Deputy Director Valbuena provided an overview of the measure, testifying in support of the measure.

Bill 12 (2018) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: PINE – 1.

Related communication:

D-110 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, transmitting draft bill.

15. BILL 31 (2018) – COMMITTEE REPORT 141

SOLID WASTE SPECIAL FUND. Removing certain accounts from the solid waste special fund, address certain deposits into and expenditures from the solid waste special fund, and create a new glass incentive fund.

Administration/Others

Nelson Koyanagi, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services  
Timothy Houghton, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Services

There was no public testimony.

Director Koyanagi explained the Administration's concerns with the measure.

Deputy Director Houghton concurred with the testimony of Director Koyanagi.

Committee Member Manahan, an introducer of the measure, described the intent of the measure at the recommendation of the Office of Council Services.

Bill 31 (2018) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, OZAWA – 4.  
NOES: None.  
EXCUSED: PINE – 1.

Related communication:

D-217 Nelson H. Koyanagi, Jr., Department of Budget and Fiscal Services  
and Lori M.K. Kahikina, P.E., Department of Environmental Services  
(comments)

16. COMMUNICATION D-145 – COMMITTEE REPORT 148

TAX COMPROMISE PORTION OF TAX YEAR 2017. Department of Budget and Fiscal Services requesting a one-time real property tax compromise for Pacific Housing Assistance Corporation.

Administration/Others

Nelson Koyanagi, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

There was no public testimony.

Director Koyanagi provided an overview of the communication.

Committee Member Fukunaga suggested looking closely at providing the same compromise for the other non-profit organizations in the same location. Director Koyanagi stated that he would take the Committee Member's suggestion into consideration.

Committee Chair Ozawa recommended that the compromise as noted in Communication D-145 be reported out for Council approval.

Communication D-145 reported out for approval.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, OZAWA – 4.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: PINE – 1.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

17. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF RECOVERY PLAN.

Administration/Others

Andrew Robbins, Executive Director and CEO, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART)

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There was no public testimony.

Committee Chair Ozawa provided a brief recap on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) meeting he and others attended on Monday, April 16, 2018 in Washington, D.C., noting that the meeting was very unique and robust and that the FTA is committed to Honolulu's rail project.

Council Chair Martin and Executive Director Robbins provided their comments on the FTA meeting, noting that all future FTA meetings should include all parties involved so everyone hears the same message.

Committee Chair Ozawa noted for the record that the Council tried to assemble the Monday, April 16, 2018 meeting in the FTA's Region 9 area but was told that Washington, D.C. was the more appropriate place to assemble.

In response to Committee Member Manahan's queries, Executive Director Robbins stated that the FTA committed to working collaboratively with HART by the end of the month with the assurance that HART will meet every FTA deadline.

Committee Chair Ozawa stated for the record that it did not matter to the FTA whether the \$44 million was in the capital budget or not.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI  
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED

May 23, 2018